

# GIGANTIC POST OFFICE HOLD-UP AVERTED BY CLEVER WORK OF SINGLE INSPECTOR

## DELEGATES WILL BE GIVEN AUTO RIDE ABOUT THE CITY TODAY

### SIX OF SEVEN MEN ARRESTED SAID TO BE FORMER CLERKS

Inspector Doran Says Their Capture Will Clear Up \$1,477,000 Liberty Bond Theft.

### "BEARDED GENT" PROVES DEADLY FOR SCHEMERS

Much of Data on "Gang's" Earlier Operations Recorded by Telephonic Device.

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, May 19.—A gigantic post office hold-up surpassing in spectacularity and daring any of the recent registered mail thefts of the million dollar-and-up class, would have been perpetrated at the City Hall post office tomorrow, but for the keen work of a postoffice inspector who grew a bad man's beard, consorted with the plotters and uncovered their scheme.

This was the statement today at postoffice, Inspector Doran in making public the details of the arrest of seven men, six of them present or past postoffice employees. He asserted that their capture would clear up the registered mail theft of July 18, when \$1,477,000 in Liberty bonds bound for Washington were stolen from the mails; would aid in solving a heretofore undisclosed theft of \$40,000 in securities and might go far toward clearing up the \$2,000,000 mail truck hold-up in lower Broadway last October.

Plans Laid for "Clean Sweep."  
Plans had been laid—and were to have been carried out in broad daylight—for the hold-up and robbery of the entire registered mail section of the City Hall station, through which millions in securities flow daily from the Wall street financial zone, Inspector Doran said. Orders had been issued to shoot any employee who resisted.

The plotters had visited the City Hall station several times, made a careful survey of the "lay out" and planned their raid in great detail. Indeed, Inspector Doran said, they had gone to the station several weeks ago, ready to pull the hold-up, but had been deterred by the accidental presence of several inspectors, which had led them to fear their plot had been discovered. It was the insouciance of the new date set for the hold-up, that sent police and postoffice inspectors on a round-up campaign last night.

Agents Posed As Bandits.  
The name of the inspector who uncovered the plot with his bad man beard and his plausible manner, was withheld. He was one of the sixteen inspectors it was said, who have been working their way for weeks into the confidence of the accused men—posing as boastful fellow mail handlers.

The bearded man, it was said, succeeded in getting himself "counted in" on the proposed City Hall hold-up, and talked it over in detail with the others in his supposed "den" which he had wired with telephonic devices. The seven captives taken last night were confronted with transcripts of the telephonic record early today in the presence of the bearded inspector, and some of them are alleged to have confessed.

### EMPHATICALLY DENIES RECENT SENATE CHARGES

(By The Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, May 19.—Emphatic denial of charges recently in the senate in connection with a discussion of alleged fraud cases against Thomas B. Frazier, former Georgia attorney, was contained in a letter from Mr. Frazier which was submitted to the senate late today by Senator Wadsworth, republican, New York. The letter, Mr. Wadsworth said, "in a true sense is a reply to the charges" and he asked "therefore, that it be printed in the Congressional Record."

### ONE COMPANY WITHDRAWS FROM PROPOSED MERGER

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, May 19.—The Youngstown Sheet and Tube company today withdrew from the proposed merger of independent steel companies, leaving only five of the original seven companies in the combine. The Lakeland Steel company withdrew last week upon completion of negotiations for the purchase by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

### HARVARD RESEARCH ENGINEER AND CARPENTER ARE KILLED BY OXYGEN TANK EXPLOSION

Something Goes Wrong With Compressor While Dunbar Was Engaged in Liquefying Oxygen Under Pressure—Students Who Assisting Him Were Also Injured by the Explosion.

(By The Associated Press)  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 19.—Arthur Kinsey Dunbar, of Cambridge, fellow for research in cryogenic engineering at Harvard, and William Connell, of Cambridge, a carpenter, were killed today by the explosion of a tank of liquid oxygen in the basement of the Jefferson Physical Laboratory at Harvard. An assistant and six other students were injured. Dunbar was engaged in a experiment in liquefying oxygen. Connell, who was working in an adjoining room, was killed by the shock of the explosion. Two of the injured students were graduates assisting Dunbar in research work. The others, freshmen, were taking a lecture in a class room above and were hurt when the rush of a fire blew through the floor.

### METHODIST CONFERENCE PLANS EXTENSIVE WESTERN CAMPAIGN

Important Changes in the Assignment of Members of the College of Bishops Made.

(By The Associated Press)  
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 19.—An intensive campaign to carry the teachings of the denomination into all parts of states lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific ocean was ordered by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South here late today.

The campaign will be financed in part during the quadrennial by funds derived from sixty percent of the surplus of the missionary centenary funds and for the first time in the church's history paid evangelists will be employed to carry on the work. Especial attention also will be given the church extension work in parts of Oklahoma, West Virginia, Illinois and Texas.

A commission which will handle the campaign was directed to consider the establishment of a branch of the church's publishing house in San Francisco. Prolonged debate took place over the proposal to appropriate a portion of the centenary fund surplus for the purpose, but the article carried after members of the committee which presented the plan declared statements made to them showed there is a wide field for church extension in the western states and that the money could not be used to better advantage.

The conference held morning and afternoon sessions today at which a large amount of routine business was transacted and then held another session tonight.

Important changes in the assignment of members of the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and numerous shiftings in territory embraced in the Episcopal districts were announced tonight by the college which is meeting in connection with the general conference of the denomination here.

With the exception of Bishop Horace M. Dubose of Berkeley, Calif., all present members of the college are given new assignments while of the five men elected bishops at this conference all but one, J. E. Dickey, of Griffin, Ga., will be sent to the foreign missionary fields.

### TWO NEW BAPTIST SCHOOLS PROPOSED AT THE CONVENTION

Proposition Is Referred to Committees for Recommendations at Next Annual Convention.

### WOULD HAVE MERCER AS NUCLEUS FOR BOTH

Conference of Leaders Will Be Held at Nashville in Interest of 75,000,000 Campaign.

(By The Associated Press)  
JACKSONVILLE, May 19.—Proposals for establishing a great Baptist university for the southeast and founding an additional theological seminary were referred by the Southern Baptist convention here late today to committees who will make recommendations to the next annual convention. Home missions and Sunday school work with the reports of the boards in charge took up the greater part of the day and night sessions and it was announced that a conference of Baptist leaders will meet in Nashville June 20, 21, to launch a campaign to complete the \$75,000,000 fund by 1924 for enlarging Baptist activities.

The women's missionary union, auxiliary to the convention, also discussed the fund and its members pledged themselves to continue their aid. The union held its last business meeting of this year and re-elected Mrs. W. C. James, Birmingham, president and other officers, as well as hearing committee reports.

The question of a new theological seminary and a Baptist university was raised in a proposal made by trustees of Mercer University, a Baptist institution, with the approval of the Baptist state convention of Georgia, that Mercer be made the nucleus for both institutions. If this were done, the trustees said, they would transfer all of Mercer's assets to the convention when the latter completed its \$75,000,000 fund on condition that the convention raise \$2,500,000. The Georgia Baptists promised to subscribe \$2,500,000 additional for the project. The Macon Chamber of Commerce offered to raise \$500,000 if the convention decided upon Mercer.

### EDITORIALS USED IN TARIFF DEBATE

Alabama Senator Says Republicans "Crade to the Grave."

(By The Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, May 19.—Newspaper editorials attacking the administration tariff bill caused another flare-up today in the senate during the consideration of that measure. The editorials were read by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, a Democratic leader, in the course of an address in which he attacked the bill generally and asserted that there was a growing revolt against it over the country and even among Republican senators.

In reply, Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, in charge of the measure, renewed his charge that the newspapers attacking the bill were influenced by advertisements of importers and asserted that reading of the editorials was for the purpose of delay. He was joined in his attack on the publications by Senator Gooding of Idaho, chairman of the Republican agricultural tariff bloc, who said the New York dailies were not going to permit a tariff on products they could help it.

Senator Hefflin, Democrat, Alabama, attacked the majority for approving what he termed high duties on paints, salt and other necessities of the farming population. He concluded with the declaration that the Republicans proposed to put a tax "on everything from the cradle to the grave."

### RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR LUMBER CONCERN

(By The Associated Press)  
PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—A federal receiver was appointed today by United District Judge Thompson for the Parsons Pulp and Lumber company which owns extensive timber lands and lumber and pulp mills in West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina. The action was taken on application of William Whitmer and Sons, Inc., which is said to own all the capital stock of the Parsons company. The suit, a friendly one, was joined in by all the large creditors. Liabilities were placed at \$4,000,000 and assets at \$5,000,000.

### SIX NEW SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH BOMBING THAT KILLED TWO POLICEMEN

Trying to Determine Whether Boys or Terrorists Were Responsible for Fire Which Destroyed Incomplete Apartment Building. Chief Fitzmaurice Asks for Additional Policemen.

(By The Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, May 19.—With six new suspects under arrest tonight in connection with labor bombings which culminated in the killing of two policemen more than a week ago, police were attempting to determine whether boys or terrorists were responsible for the fire which last Tuesday night burned an incomplete apartment building. While the investigation proceeded today a petition for writs of habeas corpus for the release of "Big Tim" Murphy and Fred Mader, labor leaders indicted with six others in connection with the slayings, was filed in superior court and made returnable next Tuesday.

Charles Fitzmaurice, chief of police, before a subcommittee of the city council finance committee, asked for 1,000 new policemen to argument the present force of about 5,000. No attempt was made today to present evidence to the grand jury which the state hopes will result in the indictment of four more persons in connection with the labor warfare. State's

### "SKY IS BLUE" SAYS ENGLISH PREMIER IN HIS VALEDICTORY

EDISON IS INVITED BEFORE COMMITTEE

He will Talk in Favor of Government Accepting Ford's Development Proposal.

(By The Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, May 19.—An invitation for Thomas A. Edison, to appear before the senate agricultural committee at an early date was forwarded today to the inventor's New Jersey home by Senator Norris, Nebraska, chairman of the committee. The request to appear in formal session followed his recommendations, made informally last night to several members of that body, that the government accept Henry Ford's offer for development of the government's nitrate and power at Muscle Shoals, Ala.

### MEMBERS COTTON EXCHANGE FOOLED

Attorney Wintner Charges That Real Operators Were Fifteen Brokers Who Faked Sales.

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, May 19.—The jury trying the American Cotton Exchange on charges of bucketing orders was told by Assistant District Attorney Wintner at the start of the trial today that the exchange was composed chiefly of "several hundred credulous southerners living below the Mason and Dixon line."

They paid from \$200 to \$300 each for membership, he said, but the active operators were a coterie of fifteen brokers among them; the half dozen indicated with their organization. These men Wintner called a "bunch of buccanniers operating on the sea of commerce."

He described the alleged method of faking sales and purchases on the floor, saying the brokers merely crossed their fingers to show others they were only pretending to be bidding or selling on orders.

The more orders, the more revenue for the brokers, he said, so that they fooled the southern customers to their own enrichment. When he had finished, the defense moved for dismissal of the usual grounds, contending that the charges were vague and meaningless. Justice Marcus excused the jury until Monday, and reserved decision on the motion.

### UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS HAVING SOME BUSY SESSIONS

Enjoyed Surf Bathing, Fish Dinner and Dance at Pensacola's Newest Resort Yesterday.

### MORE CARS NEEDED FOR THE AUTOMOBILE RIDE

Neurology Committee Submits Report Showing That Ten Members Passed Away.

Surf bathing a fish dinner and dance at Saufley Beach brought the social pleasures of yesterday to a close for the United Commercial Travelers, and this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the delegates will be taken for an automobile ride about the city and environs visiting Fort Barrancas, the Naval Air Station, Bayview Park and other points of interest.

Following a busy morning session, the delegates made the trip to Saufley Beach yesterday afternoon on the Swan, and besides the enjoyment of surf bathing, a real Pensacola fish dinner and a dance to music by Clutter's orchestra.

More cars are needed for the ride this afternoon, those who have already volunteered the use of their machines being: Dan Oppenheimer, I. H. Hirschman, Max Heiberg, David Kugelmann, Edgar Kugelmann, Gus Wills, Marvin Garrett, Mrs. Lois K. Mayes, Mrs. H. L. Covington, W. C. Diffenderfer, D. Hayes, Lee MacDonell, E. P. Elsbach, Dr. C. L. Smith, Miss Nellie Burrow, L. G. Crosby, Geo. Hinrichs, Mrs. Benjie Edmundson, Oliver Semmes, Gus Eltzen, M. A. Toussaint, Henry Jendryne, F. S. Melien, W. A. Ray, John Engstrom, Standard Motor Car Co., E. Fox, J. H. Kohler, W. W. Watson, J. H. Sherrill, Frank Pou, Pensacola Fruit and Produce Co., C. A. Born, Will L. Moyer, Chas. Liberias, Max Bear.

All who have already volunteered their cars, and others who wish to offer their cars for use this afternoon, should be at the San Carlos promptly at 2:30 o'clock, when signs will be supplied and directions as to the itinerary given. Or those who wish to volunteer their cars and have not yet done so, may communicate with the secretary of the chamber of commerce, phone 128.

The automobile committee in charge of all arrangements for the drive this afternoon comprises George Emmanuel, chairman, F. J. Kifer, G. B. Sellers, Joe Roth, Jose Manasse, Jr., and V. J. Vidal.

Yesterday's Session together yesterday morning promptly at 8:30 o'clock, by the Grand Councilor, S. H. factory reports were made by the credentials committee, committee on charter and dispensation, legislative committee, constitution and by-laws, and committee on neurology. Reports were also received from the grand secretary and grand executive committee.

Neurology Committee Report  
The following report was made during the morning session by S. H. Owen, B. T. Palmer, Jr., and C. M. McWhorter who constituted the Neurology committee:  
To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Georgia and Florida, United Commercial Travelers of America.  
Greetings, Fellow Councilors:  
However unemotional man may be, his deepest sentiments are stirred when he stands face to face with death. Nothing more sure, nothing more illusive or undecided the sense of loss, the vastness of the mystery, which can only be solved by intuitions of faith, out in the uncharted ocean of an incomprehensible eternity, all that is really ours, is Faith. Faith in ourselves, Faith in our fellowman, Faith in our Country, Faith in God and in immortality. We are born between heartbeats and as soon buried, blending the finite and the everlasting into either, intangible yet cruel and swift the shuttle with which Deity perpetrates human life and fashions its wondrous fabrics.

No man can say where or what befell his senses while he slept; he awakes to perform his mission, only to seek his couch and again enter the

### BURCH MURDER CASE GIVEN TO THE JURY

LOS ANGELES, May 19.—The case of Arthur C. Burch, on trial for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, was given to the jury late today. A Culberson, the alternate juror, was excused when the jury retired. Upon being questioned he said he had cast a vote it would have been for acquittal.